February 12, 2009

Dear Mayor Don Tatzin:

On behalf of the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, I am writing to inform you that March is nationally recognized as Red Cross Month. We would like to request a proclamation from the mayor's office to recognize this month locally.

We have prepared a sample for your consideration. We would like a photo opportunity with the council members if possible during our proclamation pick up. Please call Ruth Rosenberg at (925) 935 – 0405 to let us know the council meeting date and location where the document can be picked up.

Sincerely,

Ruth Rosenberg
Vice Chair
Contra Costa County Leadership Council
American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area was founded in 1898; and

WHEREAS, the Red Cross, a leading voluntary agency, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, providing compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local or national disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Bay Area helped over 1,050 families with temporary housing, clothing, food and mental health counseling during 500 local disasters last year alone; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross Volunteers responded to approximately 500 local emergencies this year, providing food, clothing, shelter and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, people have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school and at play. Last year, the American Red Cross Bay Area trained over 10,000 people in lifesaving CPR, First Aid and water safety; and

WHEREAS, through Prepare Bay Area initiative and Community Preparedness programs, over 3580,000 individuals received training; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications, counseling, financial assistance and a caring presence to over 1,500 local military families; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross Blood Services support 31 Bay Area hospitals, providing them with more than 134,000 units of red cells, platelets and plasma to patients in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Don Tatzin, Mayor, on behalf of the Lafayette City Council do hereby proclaim March 2009 as ***American Red Cross Month*** *in the City of Lafayette and encourage all residents to be cognizant of the compassion, courage and character, civic duty that is inherent in the Red Cross Mission to prevent and relieve human suffering.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the City Seal.

Don Tatzin

Don Tatzin, Mayor

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